

Minutes Friends of the Salem Library January 14, 2018

The January 14, 2018, meeting of the Friends of the Salem Library was called to order by the president, Ken Sosnowski.

Thirteen members were in attendance.

The minutes of the October meeting were read and approved as read.

There was no final treasurer's report for 2017 as the treasurer was away. We will receive a final report for the year at a later time.

Old Business

The roof work is almost complete. There were no leaks when it rained recently and the carpet has been cleaned.

Annie Tripp updated us on a number of issues and programs. The library had used a bequest to purchase furniture. They have now received an additional \$3,000.00 which will probably be used for furniture for the teen area. Replacements are needed because of damage from major leaks.

2,149 attended the Gingerbread Festival which was a great event.

An Adult Reading Bingo program has not been held yet and is scheduled for February 5.

About 85 children took part in Justice League Day and 8 servicemen helped with the program.

The Pumpkin Festival was well attended. There were 80 children for story time, over 100 for crafts, and many more to trick or treat around downtown Salem.

Charlie Draper announced a deadline of January 22 for the next newsletter. He expects to send out the mailing around the beginning of February.

New Business

Janis Augustine has agreed to fill out Helen Robertson's unexpired term on the board of directors.

The Virginia Library Association sent us a letter requesting a donation to support the library legislative liaison and included a list of accomplishments by the liaison for libraries. Sara Ahalt moved we appropriate \$350.00 for this purpose. The motion was seconded and passed. The amount is the amount we have been sending.

Annie Tripp outlined several library requests for funding. She asked for 4 small folding tables with telescoping legs to use with the children at \$200.00, \$400.00 for a teen Step into Mystery event, \$350.00 for the Seed Library, and \$200.00 for craft supplies for a Pom Pom Garland craft program. There is a need to eliminate the hanging book ends which do not work well and to replace other book ends. The library needs 150 at \$5.59 each plus shipping. The request is for an amount not to exceed \$925.00.

Charlie Draper moved we appropriate an amount not to exceed \$2,075.00. The motion was seconded and passed after a period of questions and comments.

There is a new bookstore in the Roanoke City Market area. We think they may carry some used books. If so they may be interested in our book sale.

The AAUW is having a book sale February 3 and 4 on the upper level at Tanglewood.

The Salem Elementary Art Show we sponsor will be held on May 20, 2018.

John Spruhan mentioned concerns over increasing membership and attendance and mentioned some possibilities.

Carl Rydell brought up a problem from book sale preparation. He had a serious reaction from something in the air from the used books. Annie stated that the library now has air scrubbing equipment which can be used for this problem.

Election of officers for 2018

Charlie Draper, chairman of the nominating committee, announced the slate of candidates and provided information on the nominee who has not been a candidate previously.

Slate of candidates for election for 2018

President	John Spruhan
Vice-President	Phil Roark
Secretary	Susan Ahalt
Treasurer	Ken Sosnowski

There are no candidates for board of directors because we elected them for 3 year terms in January 2017.

Sara Ahalt moved we elect the slate by acclamation. The motion was seconded and passed.

The next meeting will take place on Sunday, March 11, 2018, beginning at 2:00PM. That meeting will be followed by a meeting of the Board of Directors. Remember the board will consider nominations for the Helen Robertson Award. Nominations may be turned in to the library at any time.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45.

Susan Ahalt, Secretary